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1. STATEMENTS OF PALESTINIAN OFFICIALS CARRIED IN THE LEFTIST DAILY AS SAFIR ON MAY 29 MAKE CLEAR THAT THE MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AL HOSS AND YASIR ARAFAT AT DOHA ON MAY 24 RESULTED IN NO NEW AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOL AND PLO, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PLO PLEDGE TO SEEK THE WITHDRAWAL OF IRAQI VOLUNTEERS.

2. YASIR ABID RABBU, WHO IS HEAD OF THE PLO'S INFORMATION DEPARTMENT AND WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DOHA MEETING, TOLD AS SAFIR THAT:

--REORDERING OF LEBANESE/PALESTINIAN RELATIONS WOULD NOT BE
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DISCUSSED UNTIL AFTER COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL;

--THE PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON SHOULD BE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 1969 CAIRO AGREEMENT AND ITS ANNEXES;

--THE PALESTINIANS WERE NOT FORMING A UNIFIED ARMY: "THIS MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED NEITHER WITH THE PALESTINIAN AUTH-

ORITIES NOR WITHIN THE RESISTANCE."

3. AS SAFIR ALSO QUOTED A "LEADING PALESTINIAN SOURCE" AS SAYING THAT:

--"THE FIVE POINT STATEMENT MADE BY THE PALESTINIANS ON MAY 24 "HAD NO IMPACT ON THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS" AND DID NOT "TOUCH ON ANY NEW FORMULA FOR IMPLEMENTING THOSE AGREEMENTS."

--SOME MEMBERS OF THE LEBANESE NEGOTIATING TEAM HAD PROPOSED TO THE PALESTINIAN SIDE THAT THE PALESTINIANS END THEIR ARMED PRESENCE SOUTH OF THE LITANI, BUT THAT ARAFAT HAD REPLIED THAT "EVEN THE U.N. ITSELF NEVER ASKED HIM TO PULL OUT FROM SOUTH OF THE LITANI."

--ARAFAT HAD PROMISED TO "STOP MILITARY ACTIVISTS AND OPERATIONS SO AS NOT TO GIVE ISRAEL AN EXCUSE TO STALL ITS WITHDRAWAL." (FATAH OFFICIALS HAVE PREVIOUSLY PLEDGED NOT TO CONDUCT CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS).

--ARAFAT HAD ALSO PROMISED TO "REPATRIATE THE (LARGELY IRAQI) VOLUNTEERS IN SOUTH LEBANON" FOR THE SAME REASON. (THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A FATAH OFFICIAL HAS SO PROMISED, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE).

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